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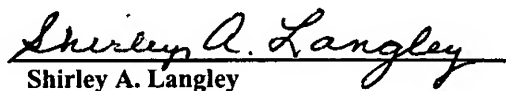
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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of July 29, 2003 imposing an election requirement with respect to three patentably distinct species.

Subject to traverse, applicants hereby elect to prosecute the species of Figs. 1-4 and claims 1-14, each of which reads on this species.